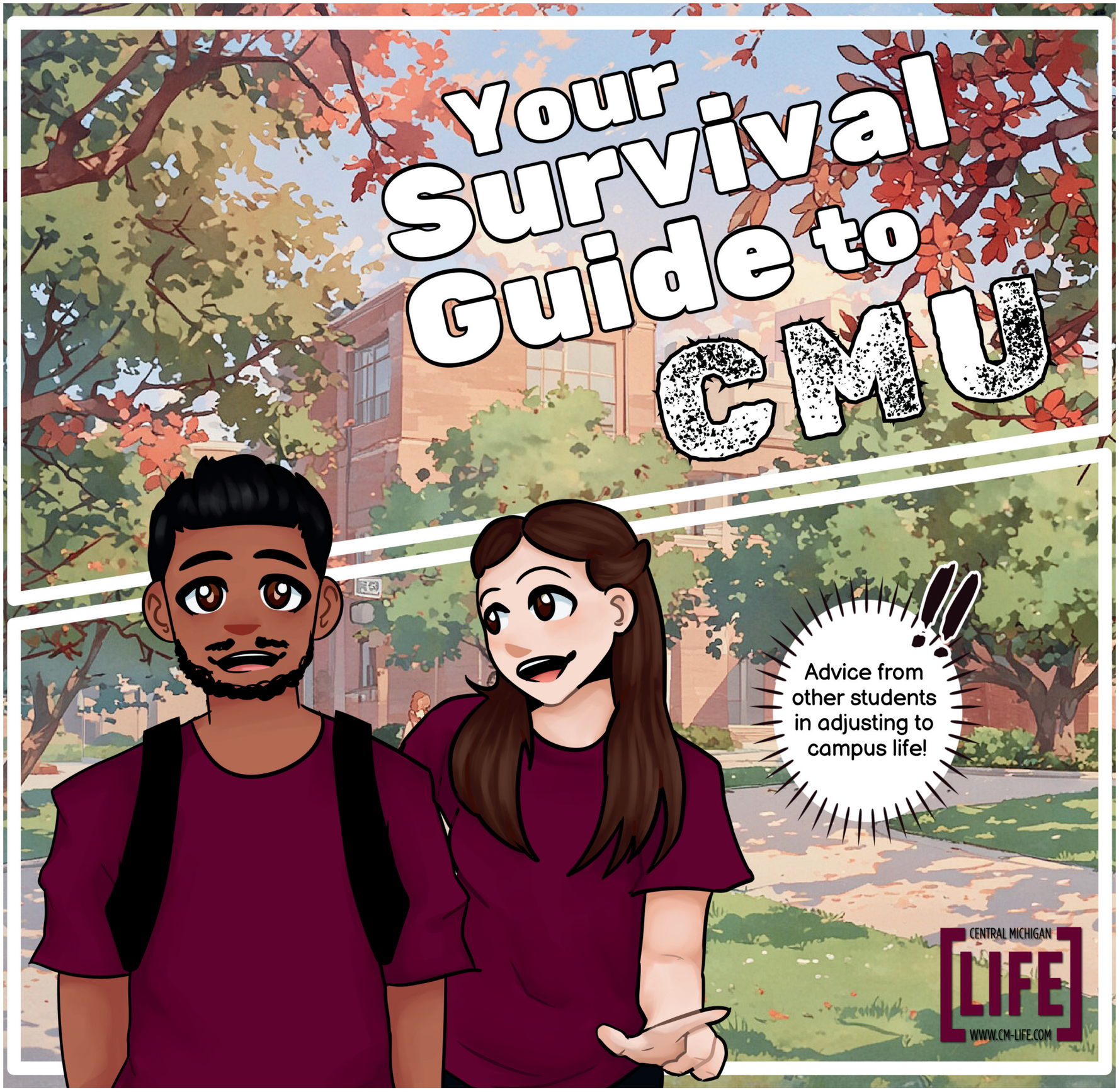
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The transition to a new school can be scary, but we've got your back. In this guide you will find all sorts of information, tips and advice to help you jump into life with more than 14,400 other Chippewas!
From Welcome Weeks events and classes to campus jobs to a few hundred Registered Student Organizations, there's plenty of ways to connect and make friends; and our faculty and staff are here and happy to help.
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THE INSPIRATION for this edition

On Central Michigan University's busy campus, one group has dedicated itself to the captivating world of Japanese anime. Members say the Anime Appreciation and Philanthropy Club, a campus Registered Student Organization, has become more than a hobby, but a home.

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Global Freshman: Navigating CMU

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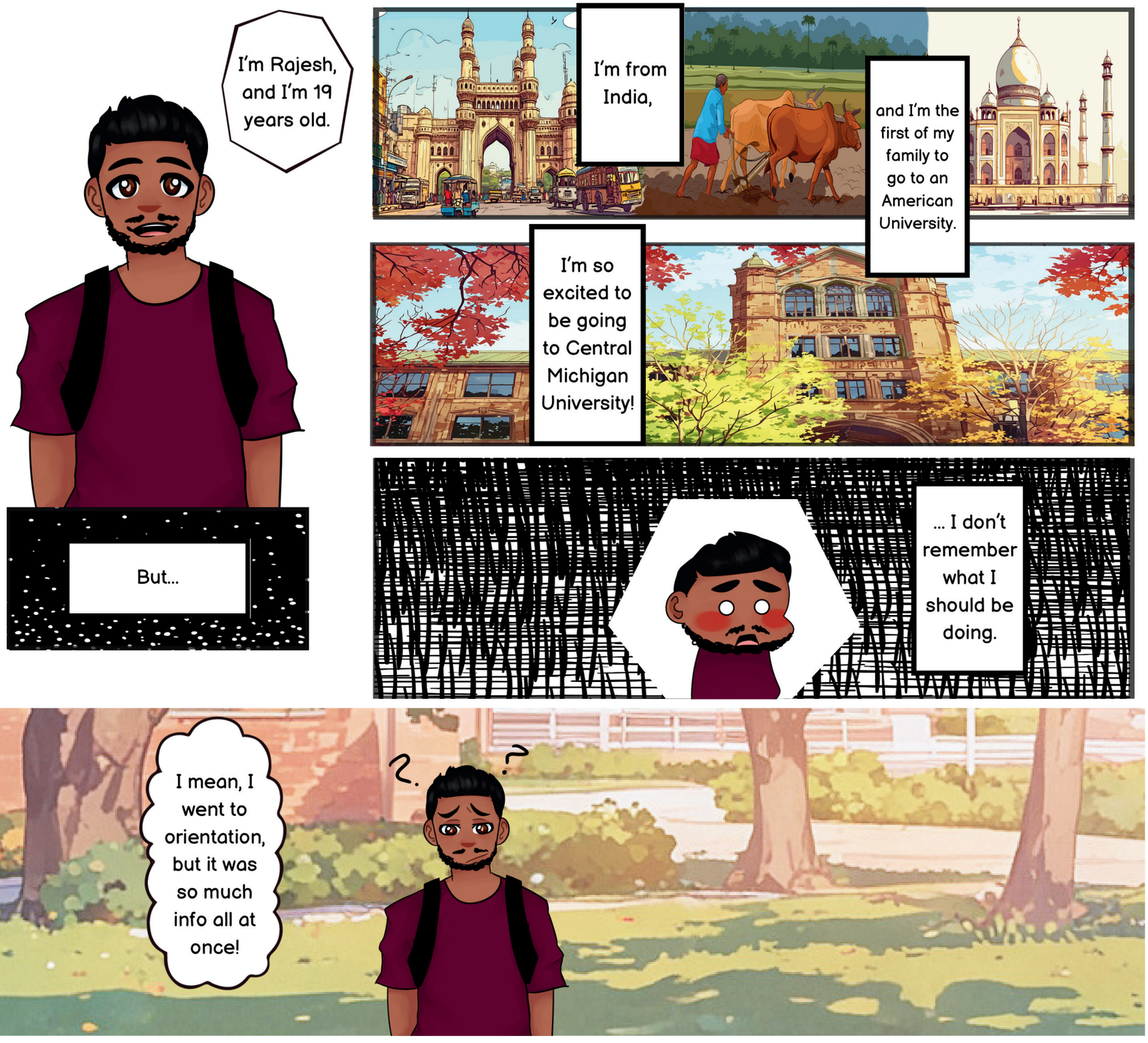
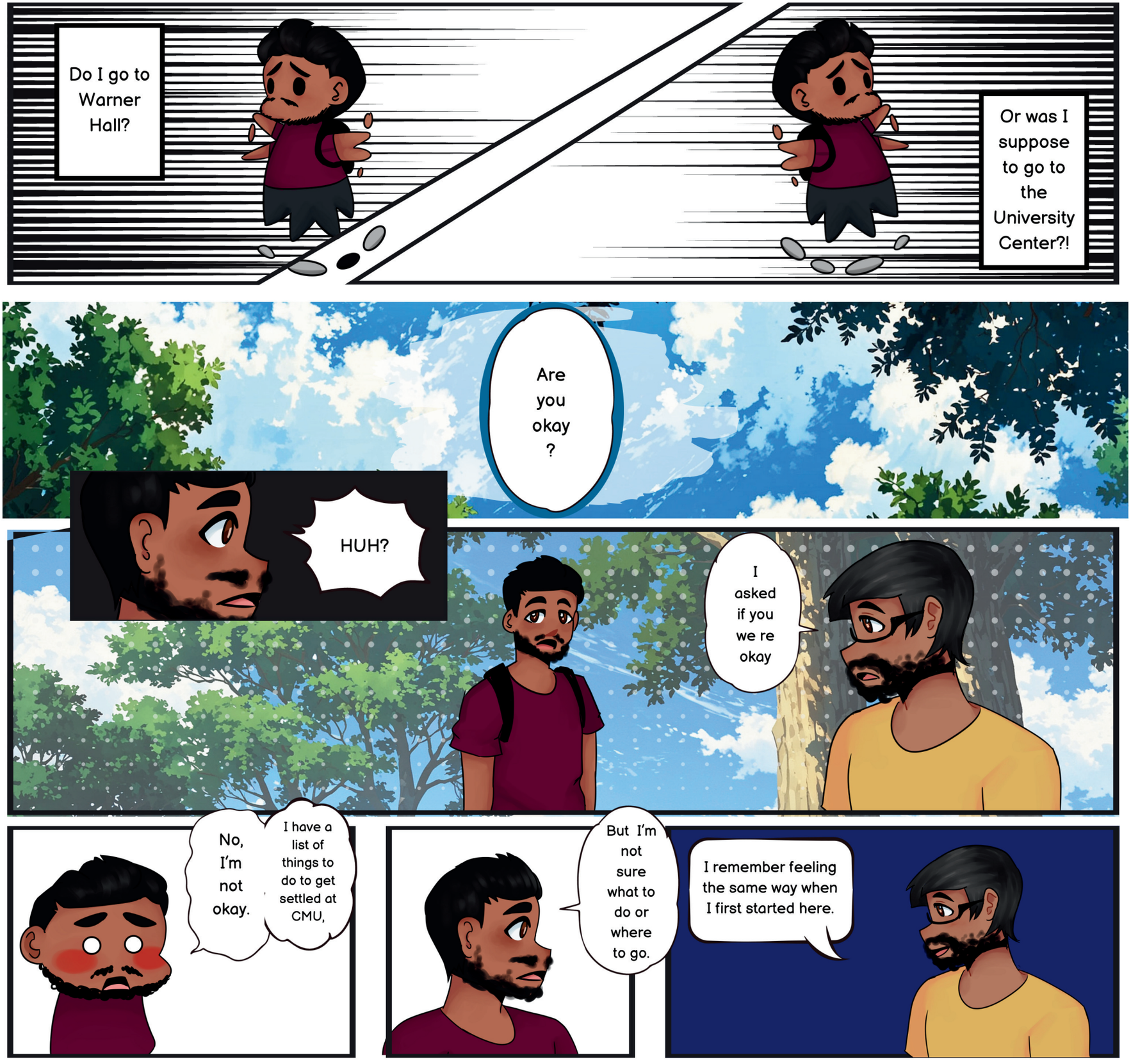
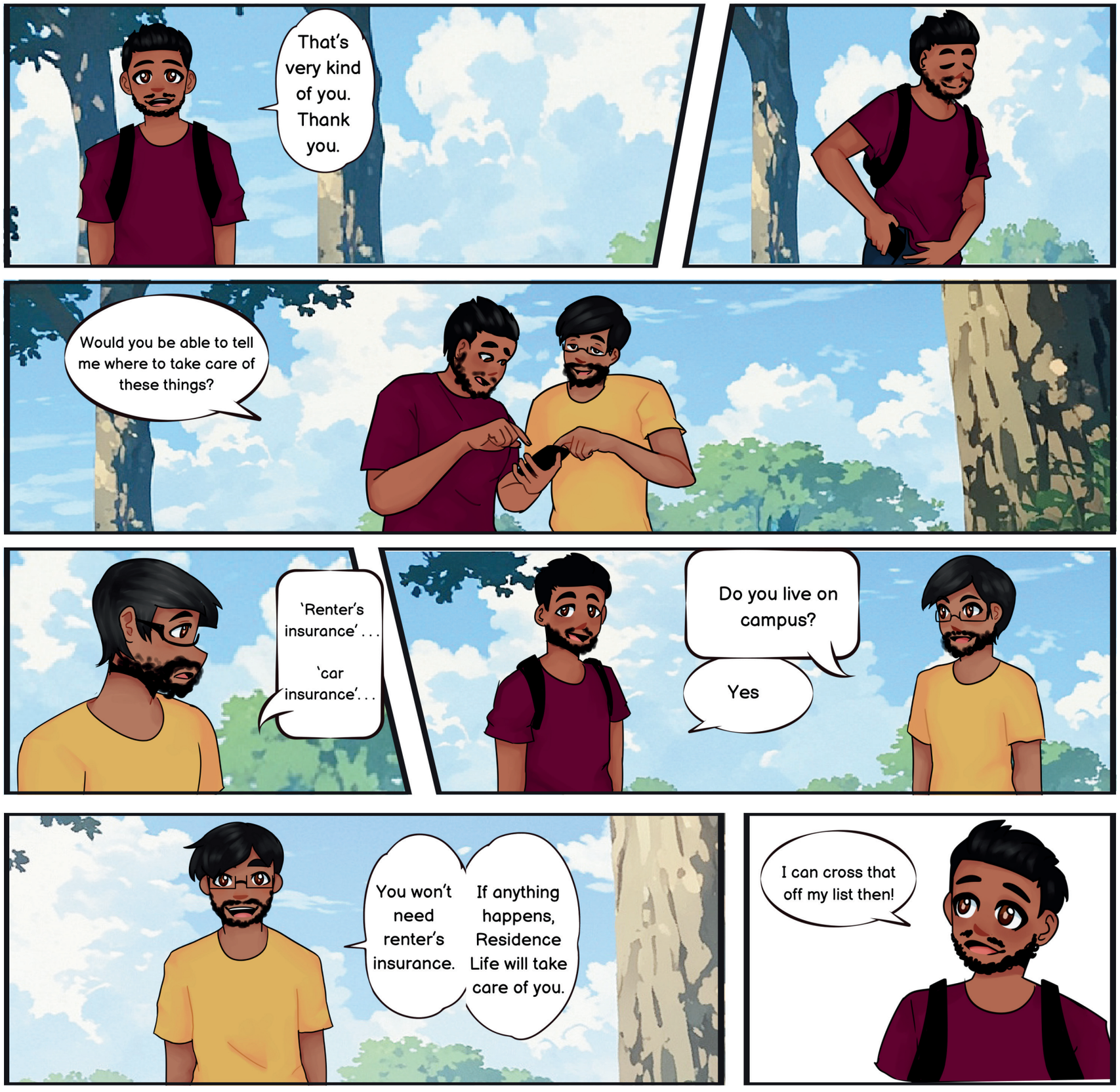
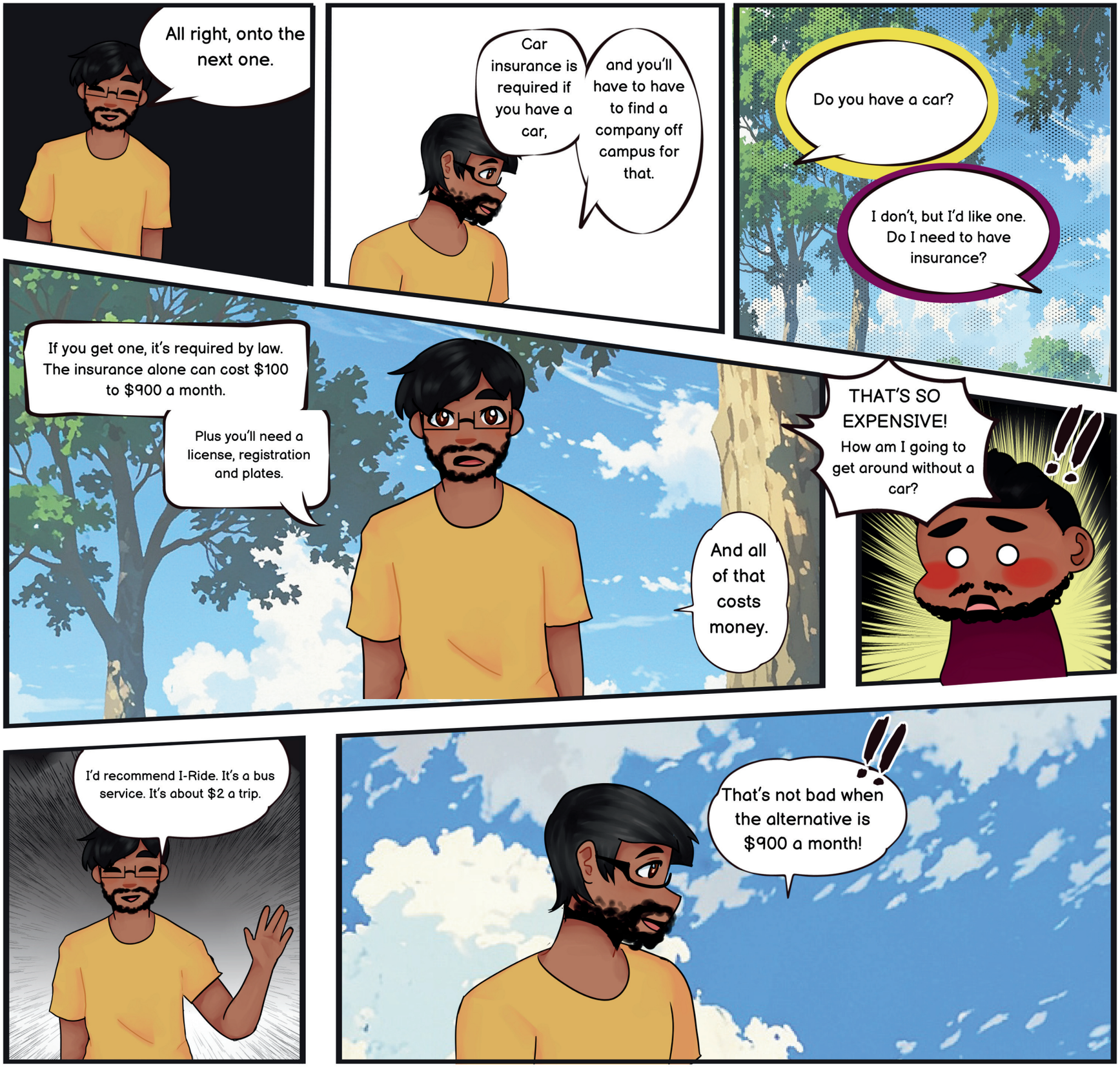
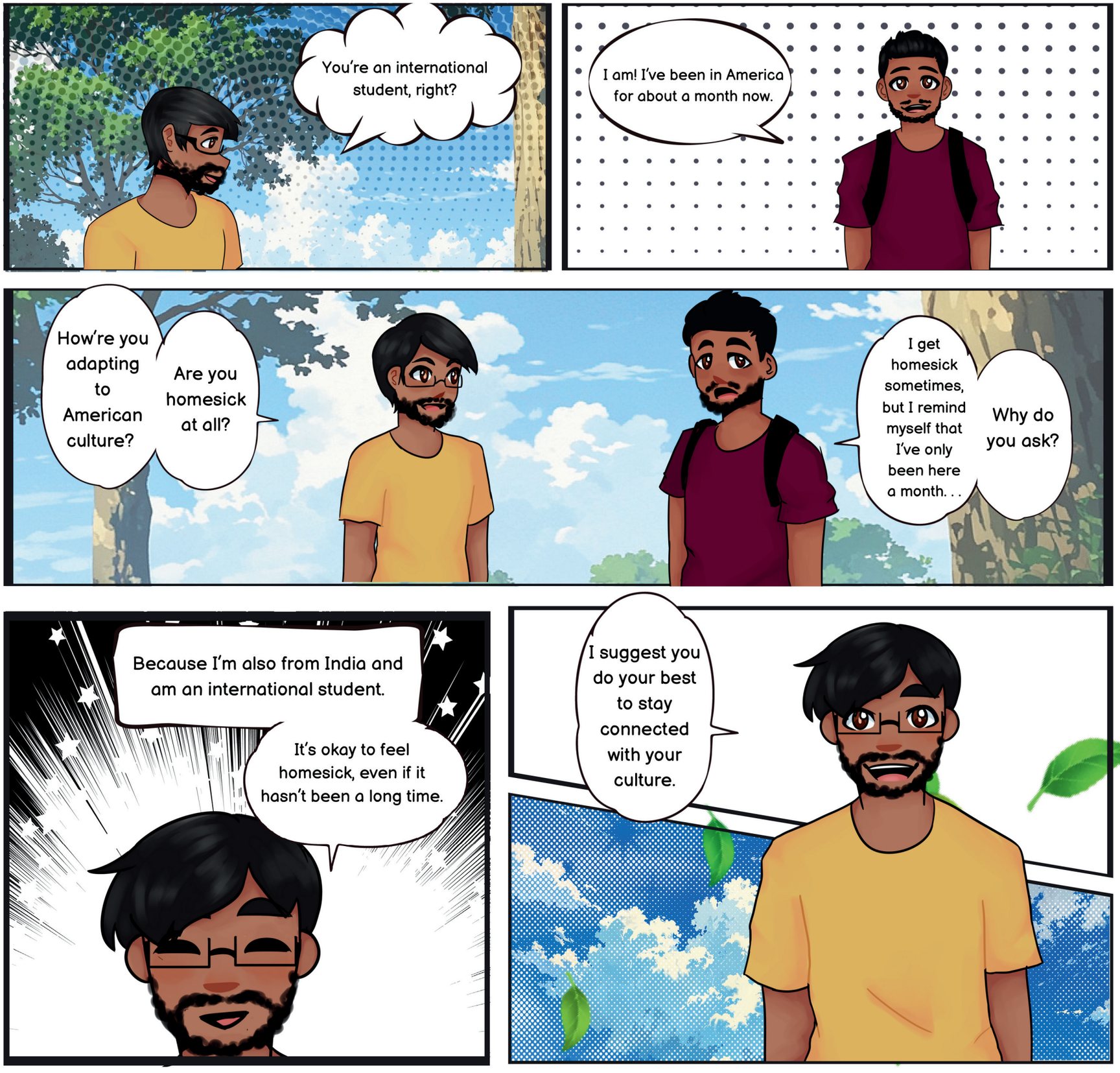

I'm Rajesh, and I'm 19 years old.
But...
I'm from India,
and I'm the first of my family to go to an American University.
I'm so excited to be going to Central Michigan University!
... I don't remember what I should be doing.
I mean, I went to orientation, but it was so much info all at once!


Do I go to Warner Hall?
Or was I suppose to go to the University Center?!
Are you okay ?
HUH?
I asked if you we re okay
No, I'm not okay.
I have a list of things to do to get settled at CMU,
But I'm not sure what to do or where to go.
I remember feeling the same way when I first started here.


That's very kind of you. Thank you.
Would you be able to tell me where to take care of these things?
'Renter's insurance'...
'car insurance'...
Do you live on campus?
Yes
You won't need renter's insurance.
If anything happens, Residence Life will take care of you.
I can cross that off my list then!


All right, onto the next one.
Car insurance is required if you have a car,
and you'll have to have to find a company off campus for that.
Do you have a car?
I don't, but I'd like one. Do I need to have insurance?
If you get one, it's required by law. The insurance alone can cost $100 to $900 a month.
Plus you'll need a license, registration and plates.
And all of that costs money.
THAT'S SO EXPENSIVE!
How am I going to get around without a car?
I'd recommend I-Ride. It's a bus service. It's about $2 a trip.
That's not bad when the alternative is $900 a month!


You're an international student, right?
I am! I've been in America for about a month now.
How're you adapting to American culture?
Are you homesick at all?
I get homesick sometimes, but I remind myself that I've only been here a month. . .
Why do you ask?
Because I'm also from India and am an international student.
It's okay to feel homesick, even if it hasn't been a long time.
I suggest you do your best to stay connected with your culture.

Call home often, watch a movie from India,
even make biryani. It's the little things that make it easier.
Thank you for all your help.
Can I text you if I have more questions?
Sure.
Here's my number. Feel free to text me.
Also, groups like the International Student Organization and on-campus jobs are great ways to connect and make friends.
Glad I could help. Welcome to CMU!
For more advice for international students, from an international student, scan the code below!

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Washington/Ojibway	:44	:14	EVERY 1/2 HOUR
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GOLD

SAC/McGuirk	:13	:43	EVERY 1/2 HOUR
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TJ Maxx			UPON REQUEST
Walmart			UPON REQUEST
Copper Beech	:26	:56	EVERY 1/2 HOUR
The Reserve	:28	:58	EVERY 1/2 HOUR
Jamestown	:30	:00	EVERY 1/2 HOUR
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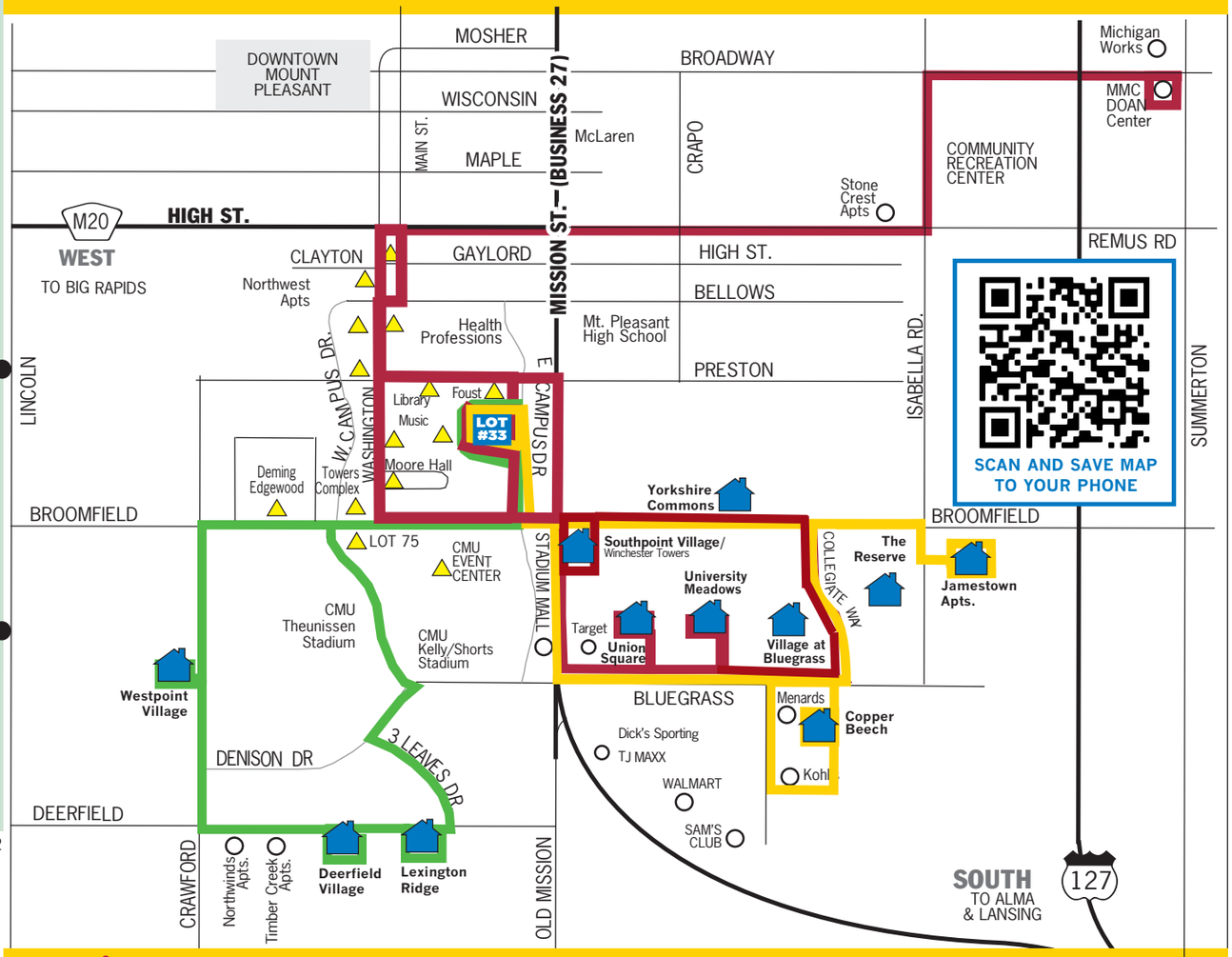

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Dorm of the Dead: Freshman Survival Tactics

Story by: Courtney Boyd & Lydia Soltis **Art by**: Zoey Lawrence

It wasn't supposed to be like this.
I know that transitioning to dorm life would be hard.
But. . .
IT WAS NEVER SUPPOSED TO BE LIKE THIS!!!

The note I wrote says my room # is 164.
Which means its here on the ground floor.
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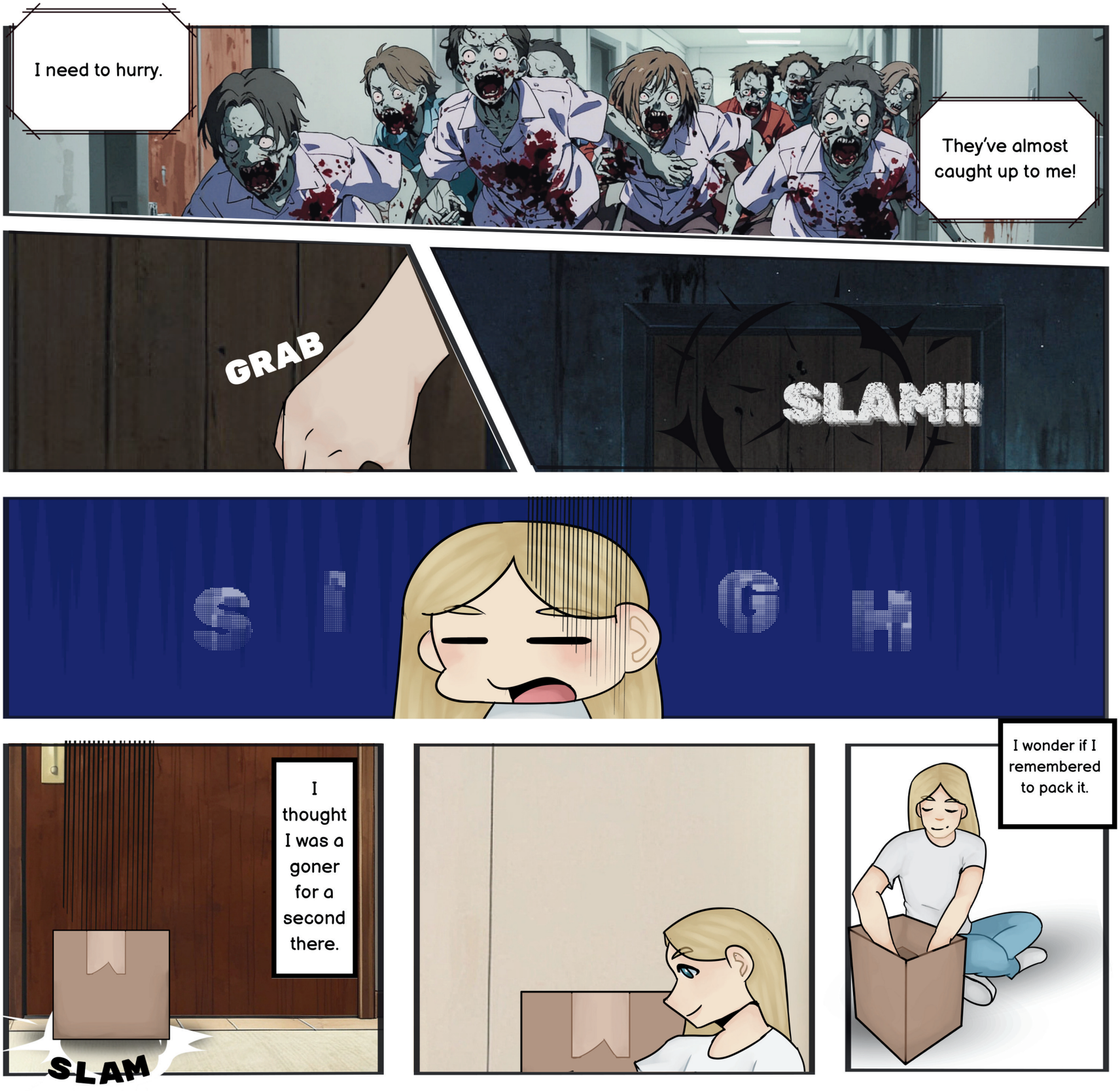
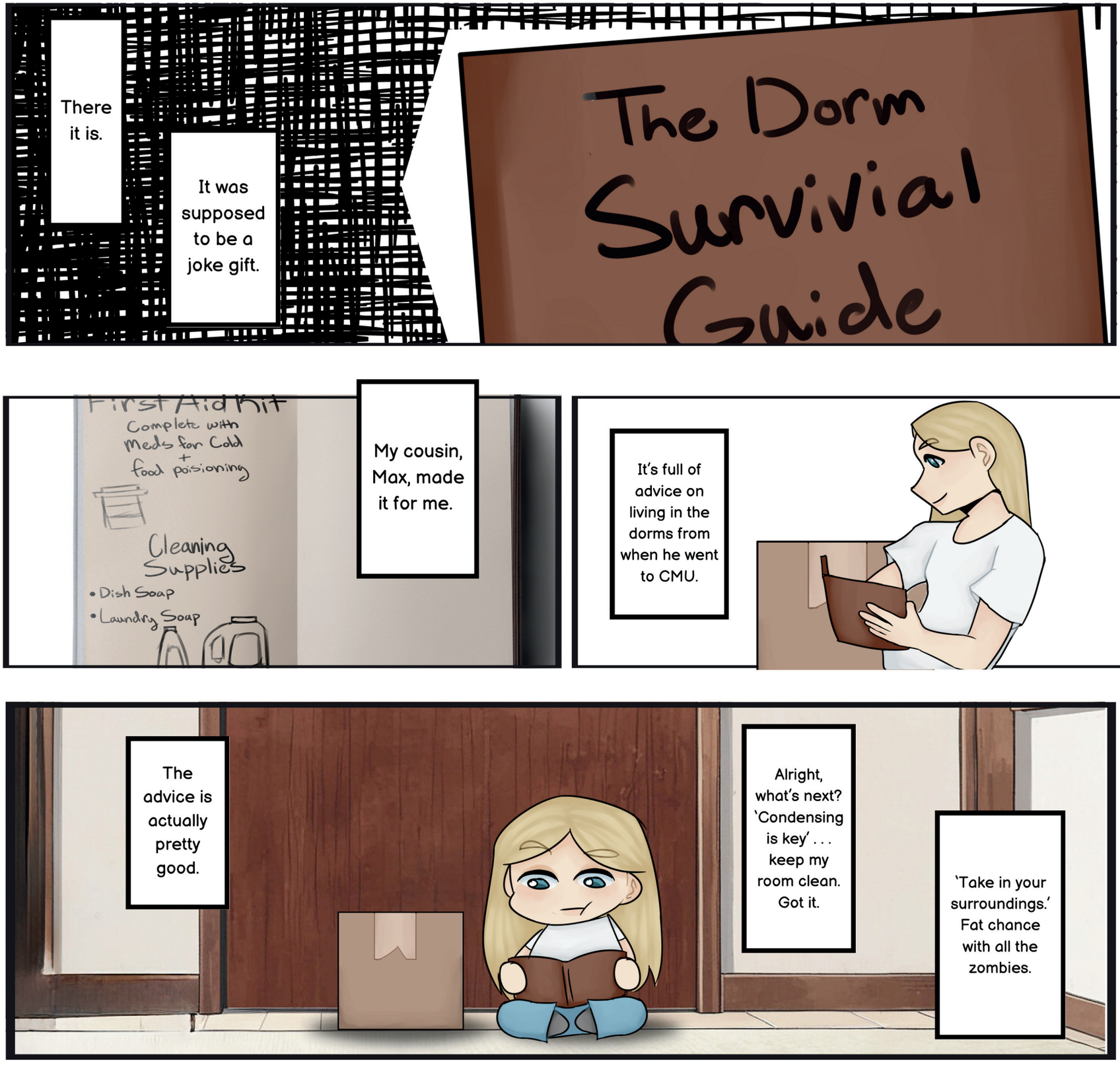
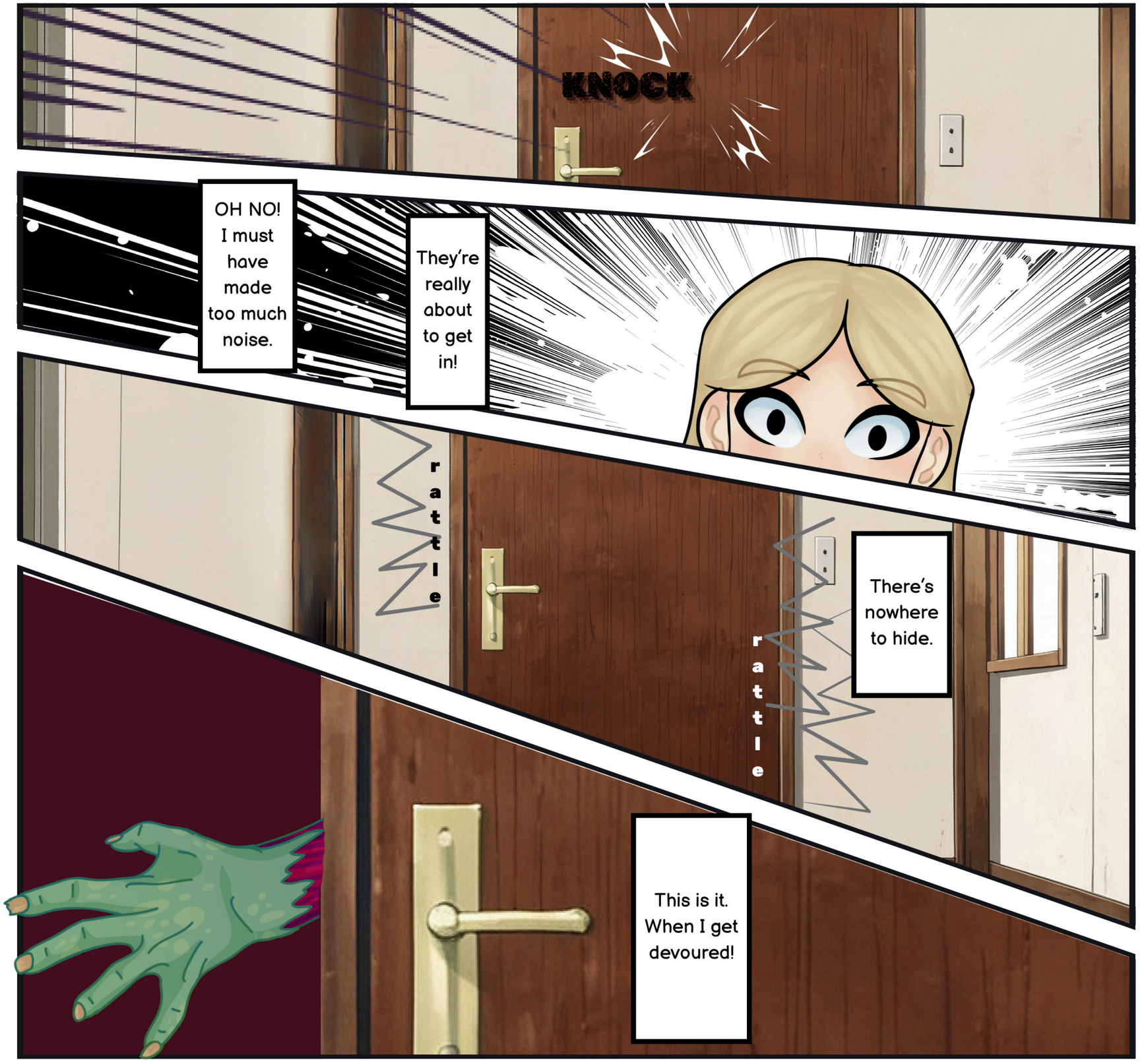
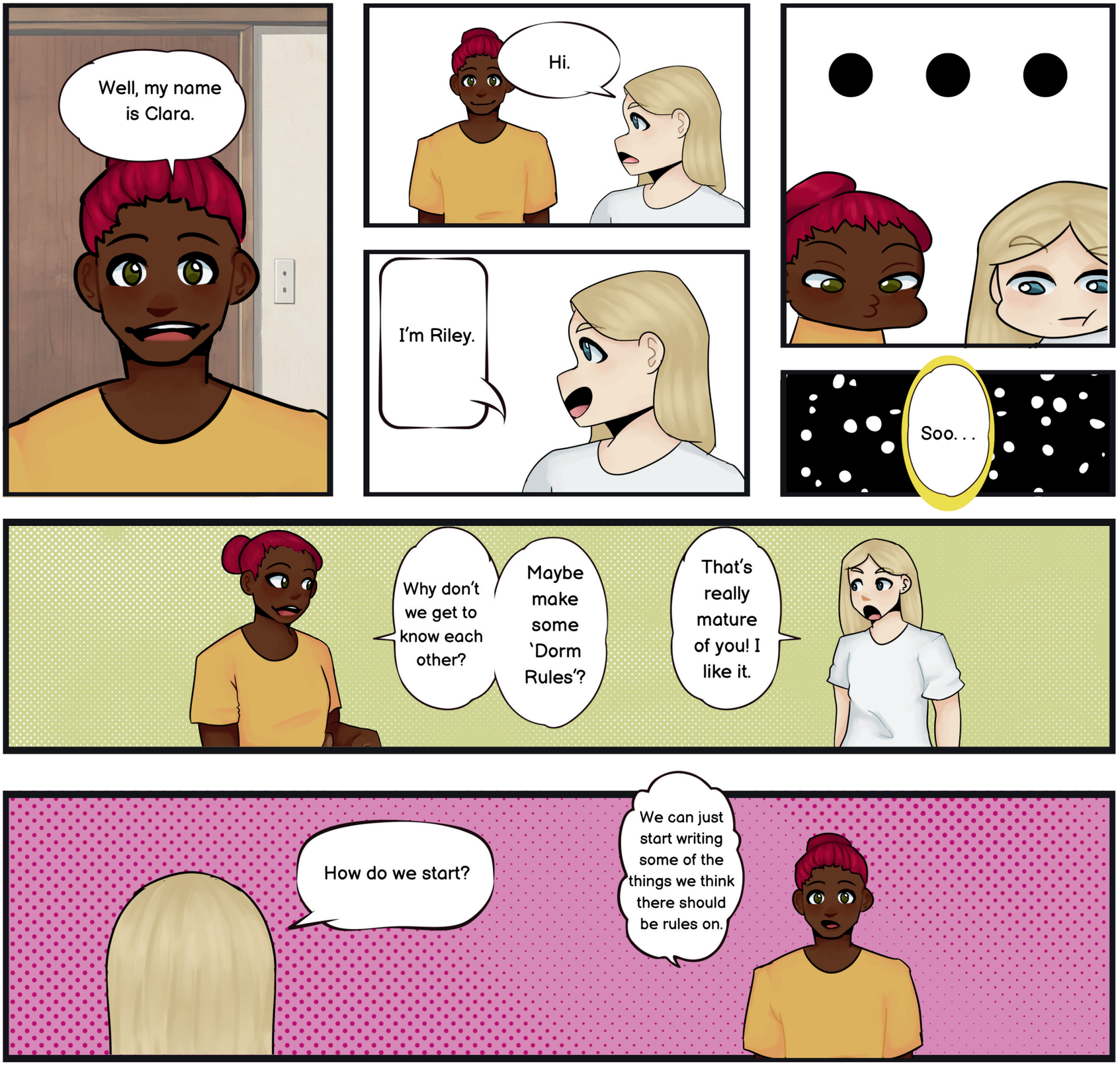
THERE IT IS !
164!
164!
It's so close!


I need to hurry.
They've almost caught up to me!
GRAB
SLAM!!
S I G H
I thought I was a goner for a second there.
SLAM
I wonder if I remembered to pack it.


There it is.
It was supposed to be a joke gift.
The Dorm Survivial Guide
First Aid Kit
Complete with Meds for Cold + food poisioning
Cleaning Supplies
• Dish Soap
• Laundry Soap
My cousin, Max, made it for me.
It's full of advice on living in the dorms from when he went to CMU.
The advice is actually pretty good.
Alright, what's next? 'Condensing is key' . . . keep my room clean. Got it.
'Take in your surroundings.' Fat chance with all the zombies.


KNOCK
OH NO! I must have made too much noise.
They're really about to get in!
rattle
rattle
There's nowhere to hide.
This is it. When I get devoured!

What's in front of the door?
?
Quick! Get in!
Ummm, that was weird. Are you okay?
Yeah, everything's fine.
My nerves must have gotten the better of me.


Well, my name is Clara.
Hi.
I'm Riley.
Soo. . .
Why don't we get to know each other?
Maybe make some 'Dorm Rules'?
That's really mature of you! I like it.
How do we start?
We can just start writing some of the things we think there should be rules on.

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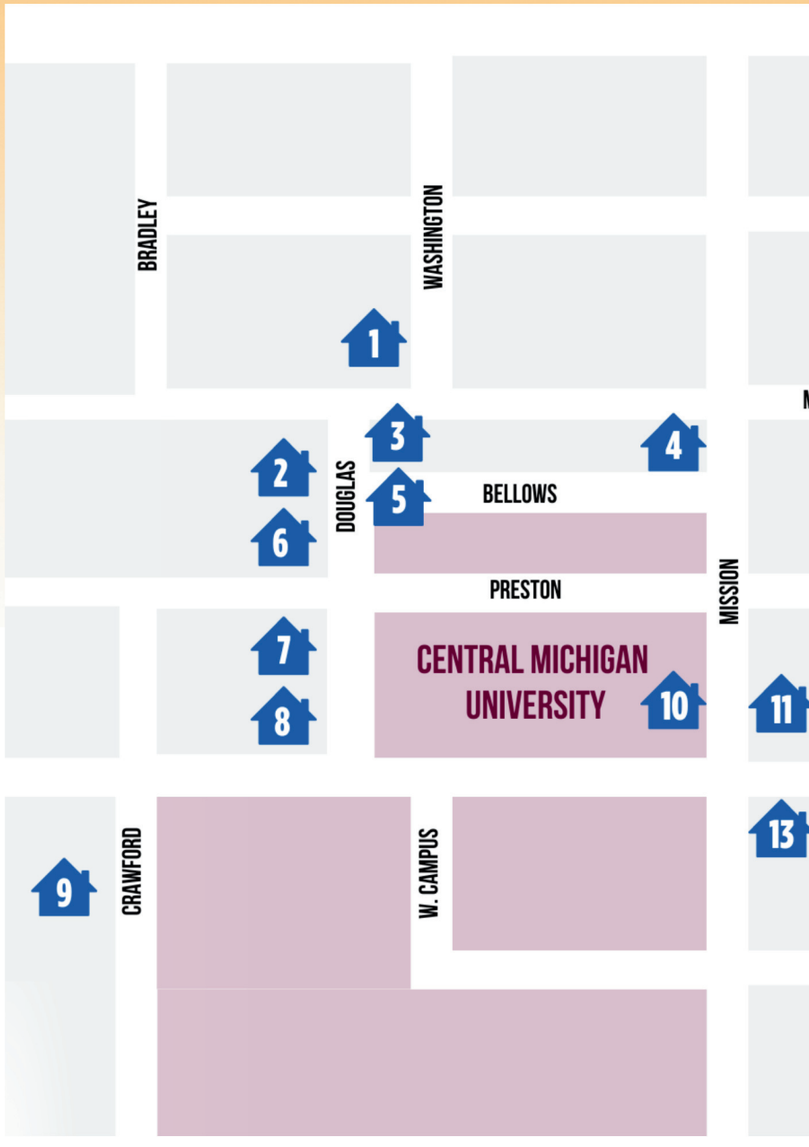

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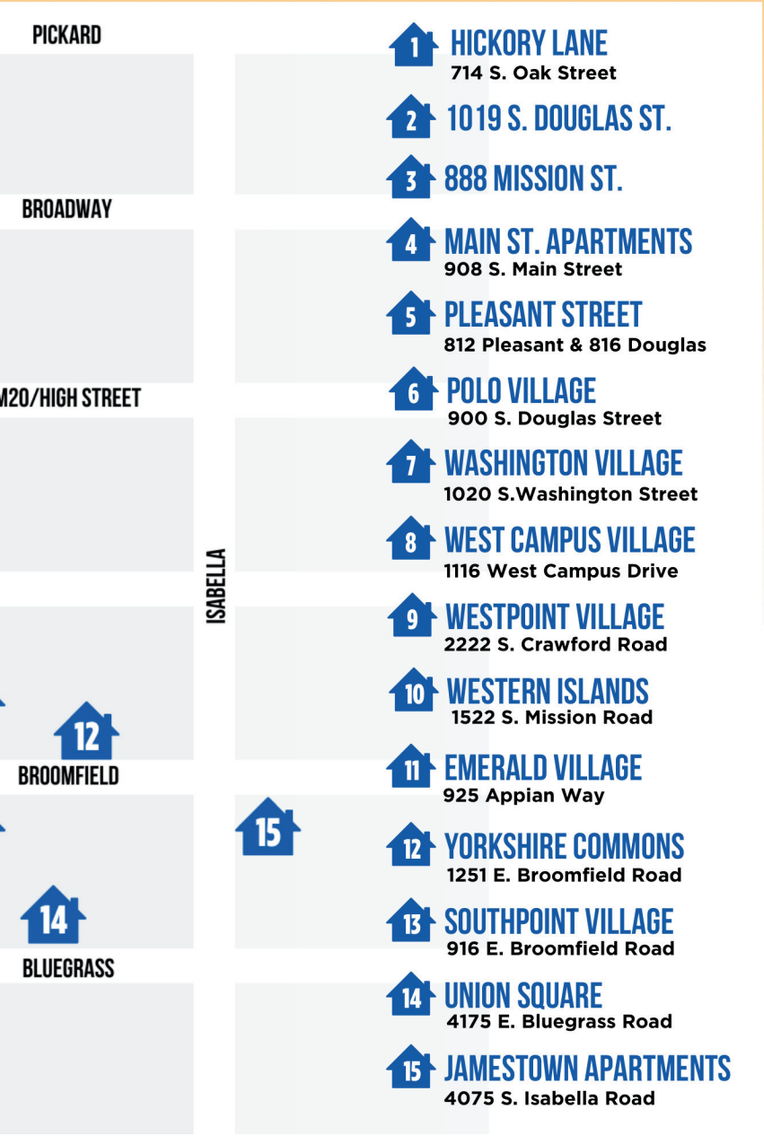

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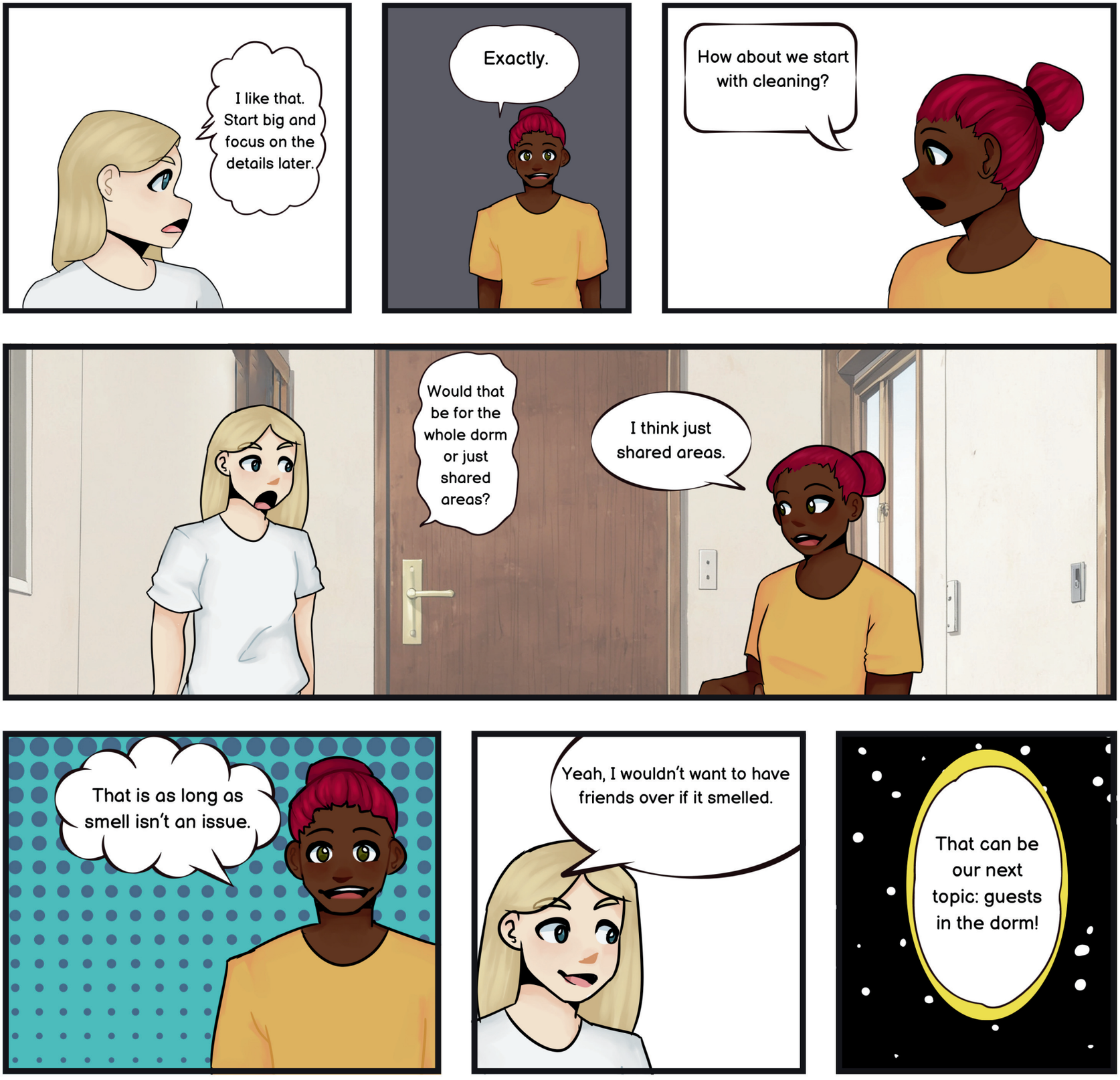
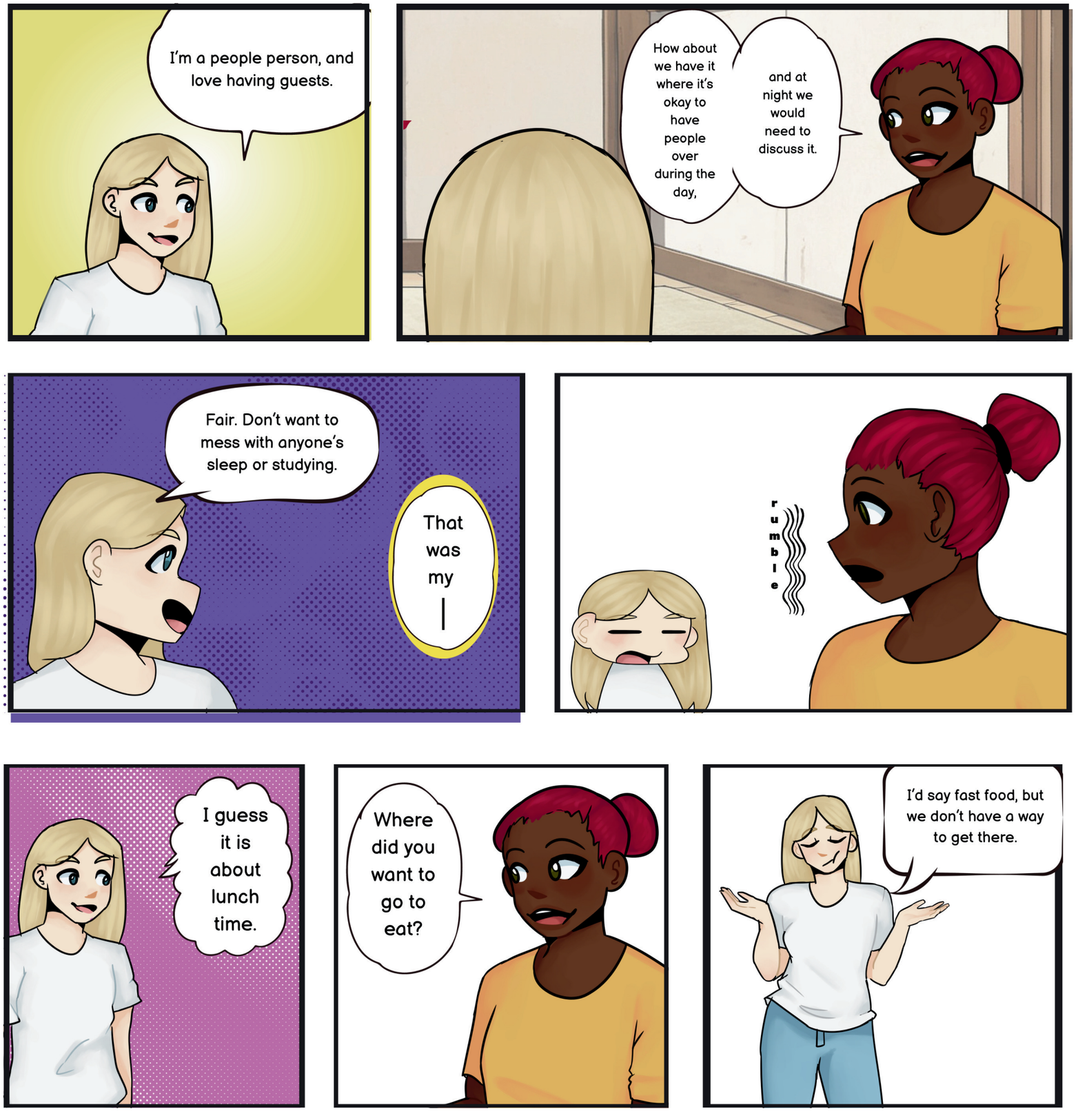
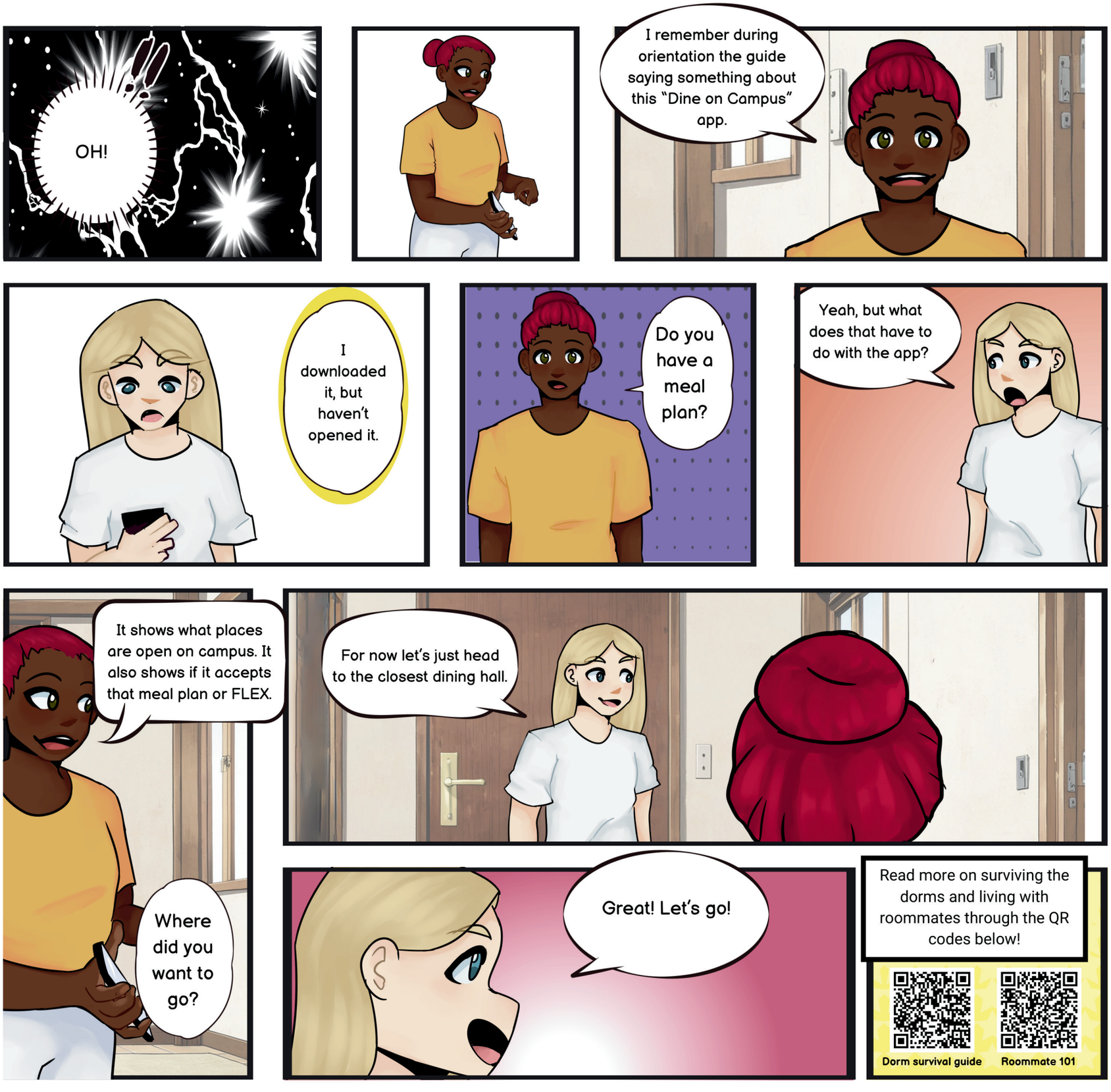

I like that. Start big and focus on the details later.
Exactly.
How about we start with cleaning?
Would that be for the whole dorm or just shared areas?
I think just shared areas.
That is as long as smell isn't an issue.
Yeah, I wouldn't want to have friends over if it smelled.
That can be our next topic: guests in the dorm!


I'm a people person, and love having guests.
How about we have it where it's okay to have people over during the day,
and at night we would need to discuss it.
Fair. Don't want to mess with anyone's sleep or studying.
That was my
rumble
I guess it is about lunch time.
Where did you want to go to eat?
I'd say fast food, but we don't have a way to get there.

Want to learn more?

Scan the QR code below to learn more about dining on campus!


OH!
I remember during orientation the guide saying something about this "Dine on Campus" app.
I downloaded it, but haven't opened it.
Do you have a meal plan?
Yeah, but what does that have to do with the app?
It shows what places are open on campus. It also shows if it accepts that meal plan or FLEX.
Where did you want to go?
For now let's just head to the closest dining hall.
Great! Let's go!
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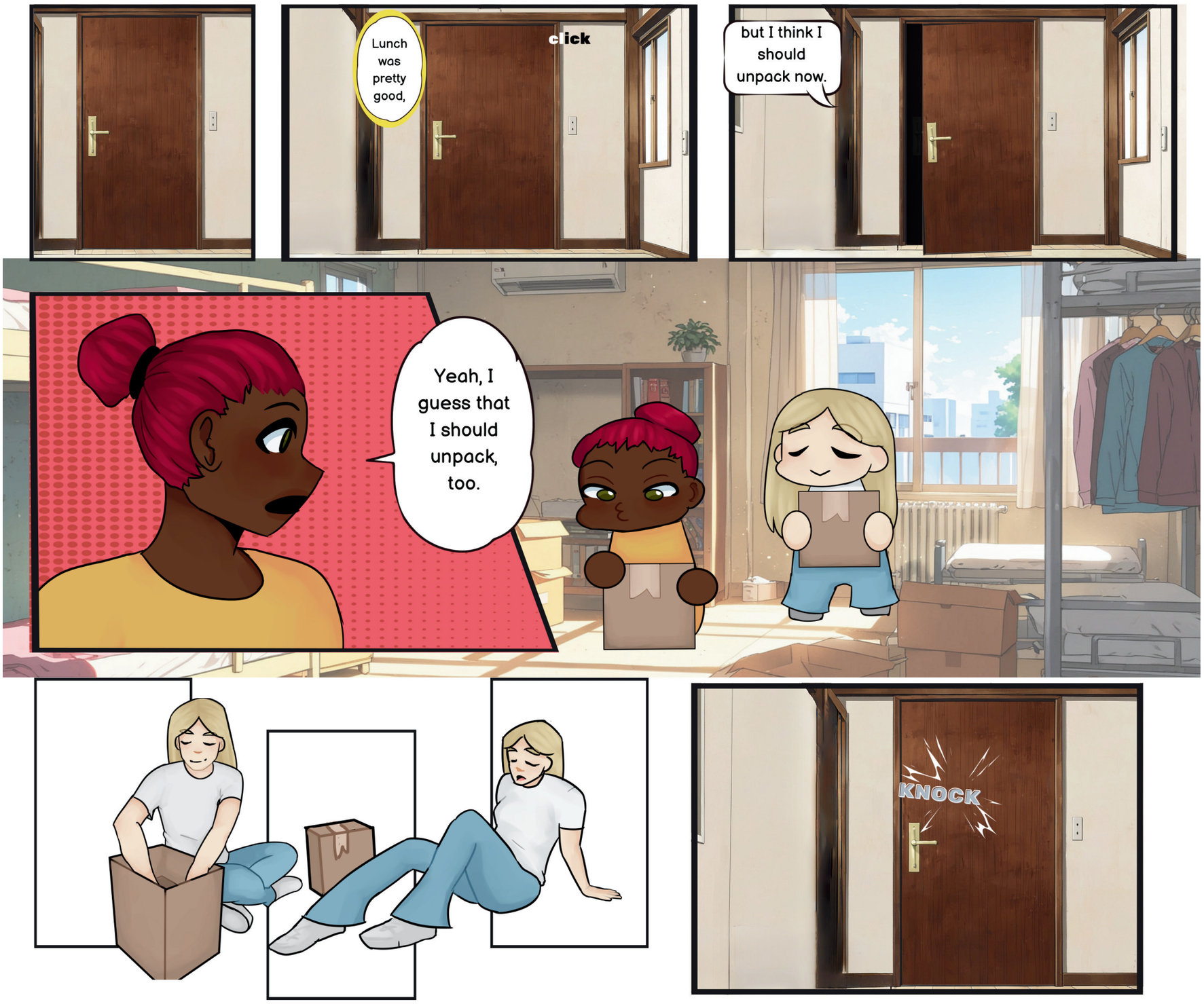

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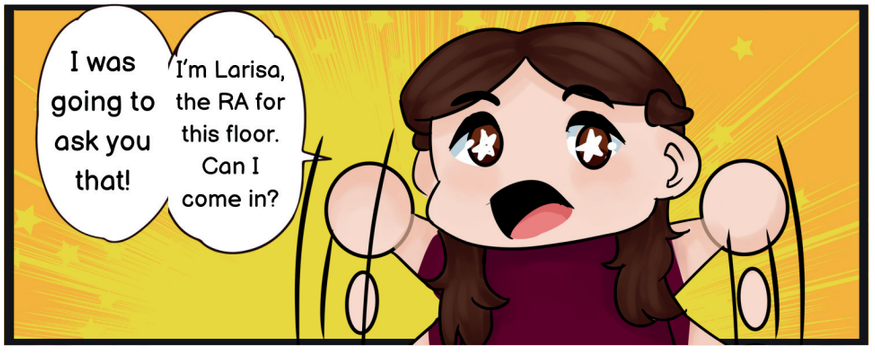
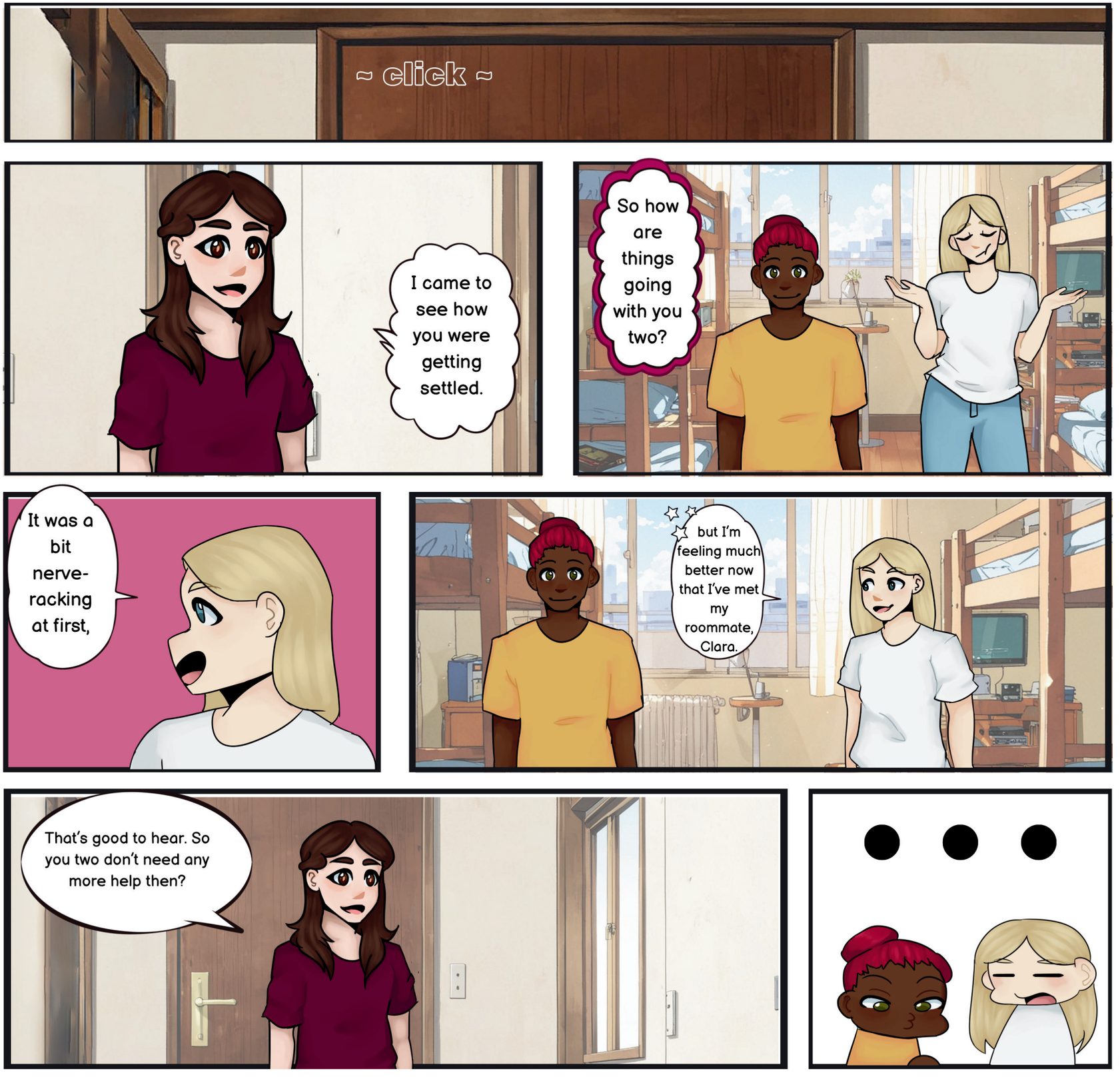
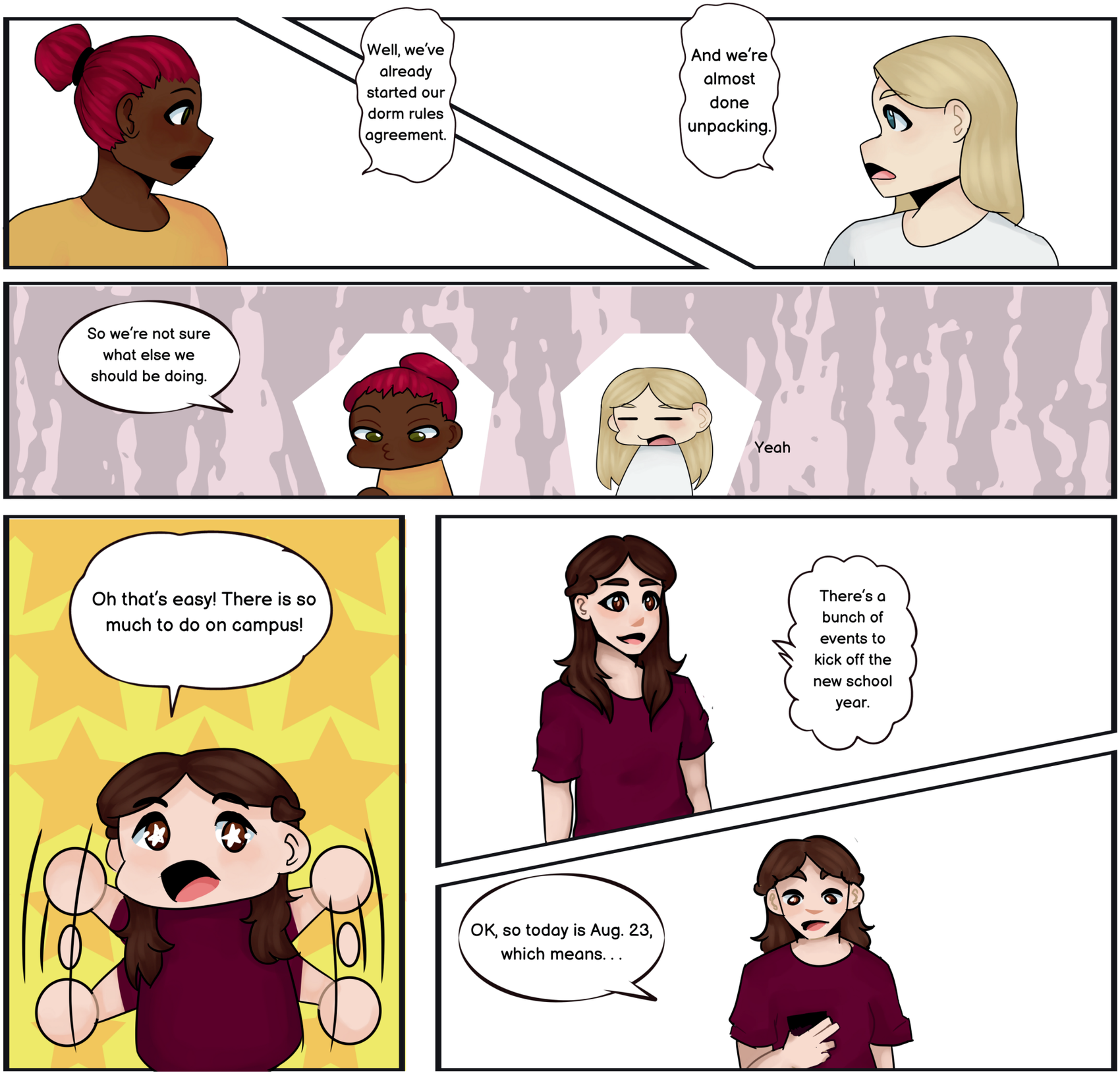
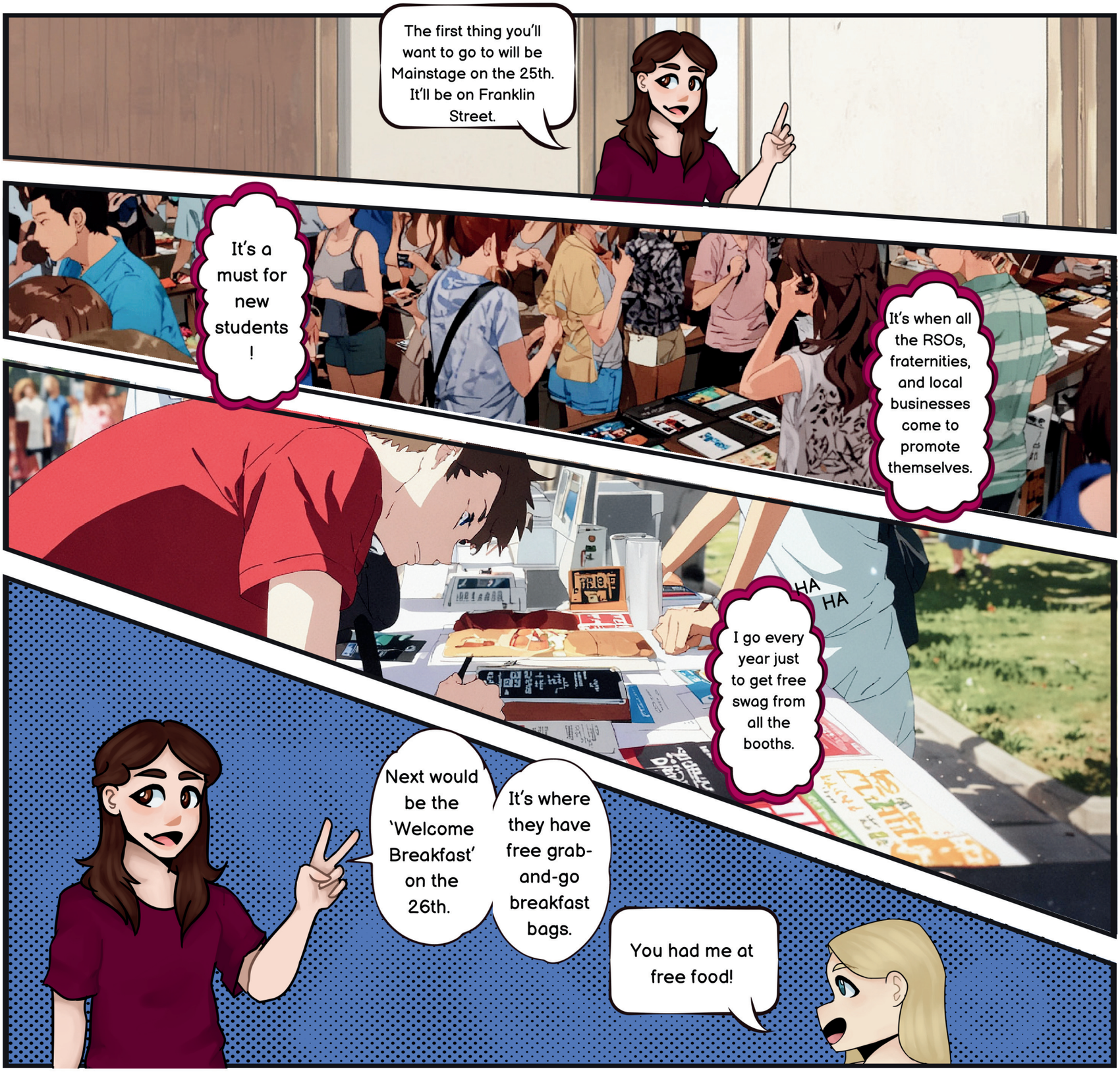
Hello?

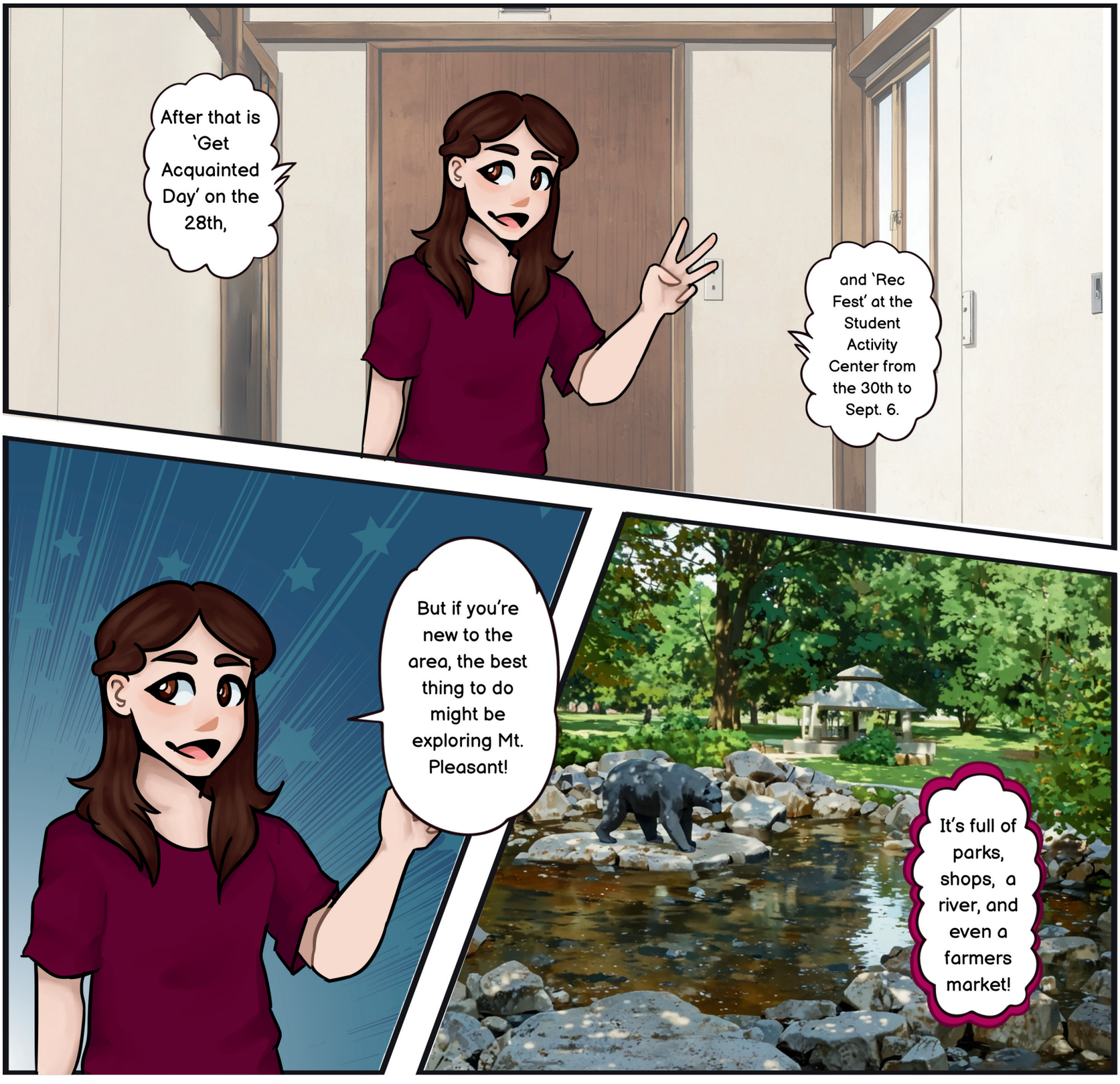
Can I help you?

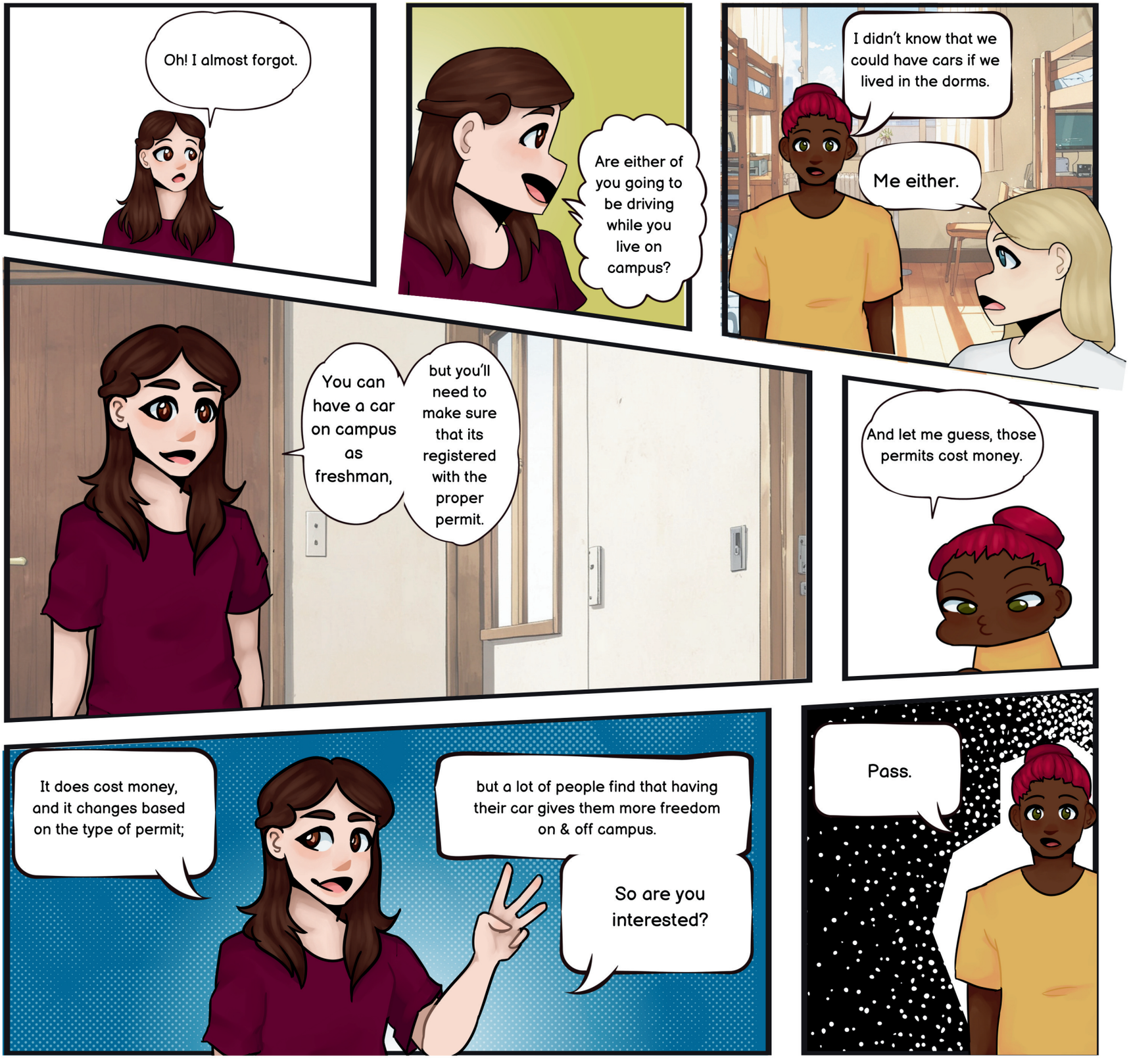

I was going to ask you that!
I'm Larisa, the RA for this floor. Can I come in?


~ click ~
I came to see how you were getting settled.
So how are things going with you two?
It was a bit nerve-racking at first,
but I'm feeling much better now that I've met my roommate, Clara.
That's good to hear. So you two don't need any more help then?


Well, we've already started our dorm rules agreement.
And we're almost done unpacking.
So we're not sure what else we should be doing.
Yeah
Oh that's easy! There is so much to do on campus!
There's a bunch of events to kick off the new school year.
OK, so today is Aug. 23, which means. . .


The first thing you'll want to go to will be Mainstage on the 25th. It'll be on Franklin Street.
It's a must for new students !
It's when all the RSOs, fraternities, and local businesses come to promote themselves.
HA HA
I go every year just to get free swag from all the booths.
Next would be the 'Welcome Breakfast' on the 26th.
It's where they have free grab-and-go breakfast bags.
You had me at free food!


After that is 'Get Acquainted Day' on the 28th,
and 'Rec Fest' at the Student Activity Center from the 30th to Sept. 6.
But if you're new to the area, the best thing to do might be exploring Mt. Pleasant!
It's full of parks, shops, a river, and even a farmers market!


Oh! I almost forgot.
Are either of you going to be driving while you live on campus?
I didn't know that we could have cars if we lived in the dorms.
Me either.
You can have a car on campus as freshman,
but you'll need to make sure that its registered with the proper permit.
And let me guess, those permits cost money.
It does cost money, and it changes based on the type of permit;
but a lot of people find that having their car gives them more freedom on & off campus.
So are you interested?
Pass.

Okay... How about you?
Alright, I'll airdrop you the info. then. Is 'Rem-iPhone' you?
Yep that's me.
I'm on a budget, but I'd like to have my car back home with me, here.
That is a parking guide for CMU. Since you're a Freshman, you should get the 'Maroon Permit.'
That means you can park at the lots for 'Maroon Residents'
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And your permit is attached to your plate
But you can always call or email parking services if you have questions.
CAMPUS MAP PDF
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Email: parking@cmich.edu
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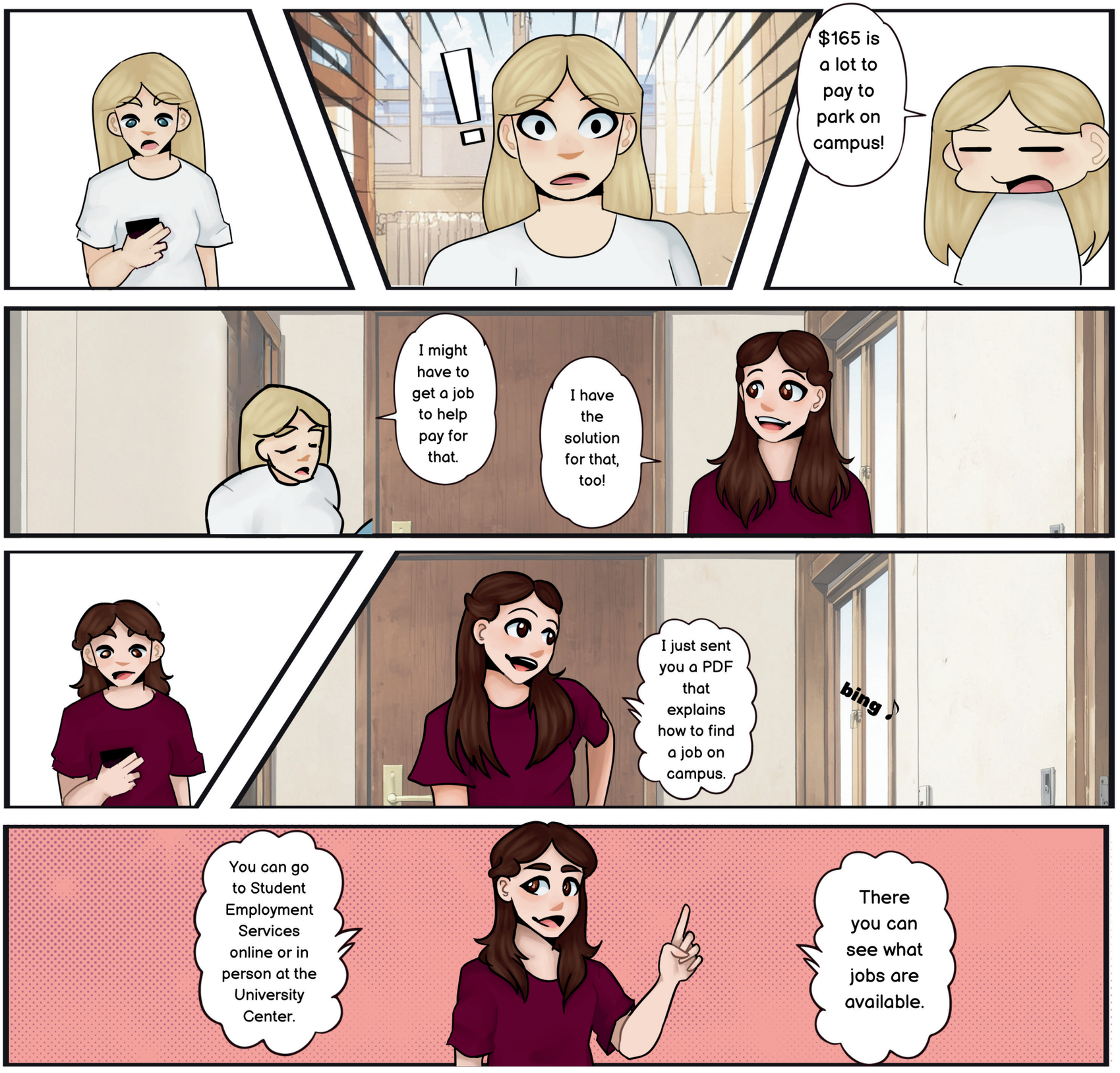
Want to learn more?

Scan the QR code to the right to learn more about parking on campus!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$165 is a lot to pay to park on campus!
I might have to get a job to help pay for that.
I have the solution for that, too!
I just sent you a PDF that explains how to find a job on campus.
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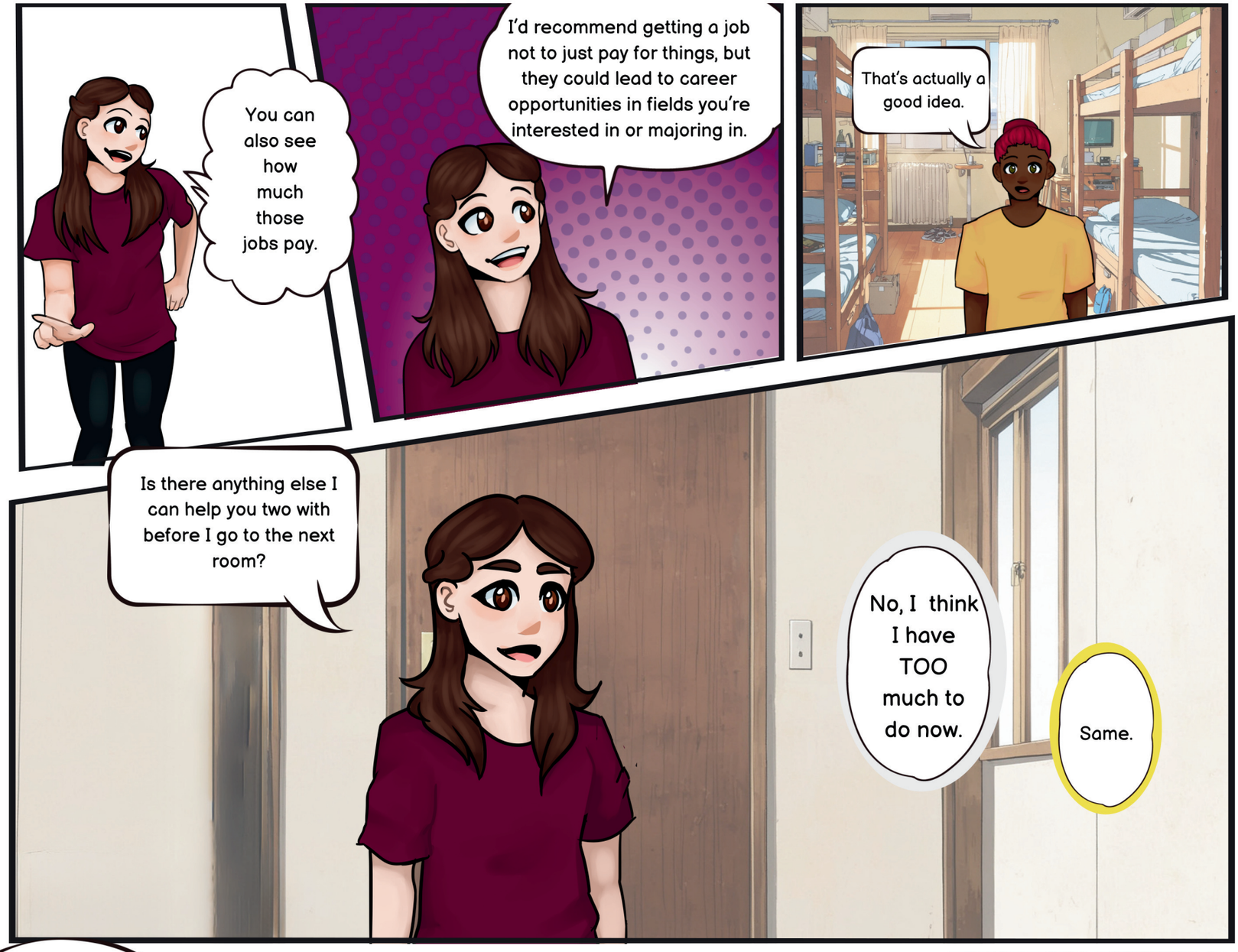
You can go to Student Employment Services online or in person at the University Center.
There you can see what jobs are available.


You can also see how much those jobs pay.
I'd recommend getting a job not to just pay for things, but they could lead to career opportunities in fields you're interested in or majoring in.
That's actually a good idea.
Is there anything else I can help you two with before I go to the next room?
No, I think I have TOO much to do now.
Same.
If you need anything, just ask! Welcome to CMU!
Bye!

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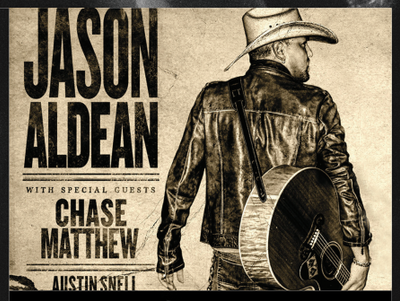

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